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SUBJECT: UNIT COSTS FOR BUDGET ESTIMATE

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1. DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY USING THE FOLLOWING UNIT COST ESTIMATES IN PREPARING CU BUDGET FOR ROMANIA: GRADUATE STUDENTS FOR TEN MONTHS: AMERICAN - 1800, ROMANIAN - 5700; RESEARCH SCHOLARS FOR TEN MONTHS: AMERICAN - 7450, ROMANIAN - 7500; RESEARCH SCHOLARS FOR 90 DAYS: AMERICAN - 3750, ROMANIAN - 3300; LECTURERS FOR TEN MONTHS: AMERICAN - 17,000, ROMANIAN - 7500; ROMANIAN SENIOR SCHOLARS, OFFICIALS, SPECIALISTS AND OTHER IVS FOR 30 DAYS - 2245; AMSPECS - 1100.

2. THESE ARE LOWER THAN FIGURES PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED EMBASSY - PROVIDING LECTURERS AND FULL YEAR RESEARCH SCHOLARS \$23 RATHER THAN \$30 PER DIEM, 90 DAY RESEARCH SCHOLARS \$30 RATHER THAN \$35 PER DIEM, ETC. - AND SHOULD BE REGARDED AS LOWEST POSSIBLE ESTIMATES. THESE FIGURES COULD GO UP DURING COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS TO COVER NEED

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FOR INCREASED STIPENDS AND/OR OTHER COSTS. WE ARE

CURRENTLY COMPARING COSTS WITH IREX AND NAS TO DETERMINE

WHAT IF ANY INCREASES ARE NECESSARY. FIGURES GIVEN ABOVE FOR AMERICAN RESEARCHERS INCLUDE POSSIBLE DOLLAR STIPEND INCREASES WHICH CIES STRONGLY HAS URGED UPON DEPARTMENT. REQUEST EMBASSY VIEWS ON NEED FOR AND AMOUNT OF DOLLAR AND LEI STIPEND INCREASES FOR ALL US ACADEMIC CATEGORIES IN ROMANIA.

3. THUS TOTAL FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAM WOULD BE DOLLARS 456,000 RATHER THAN DOLLARS 496,000 INDICATED PREVIOUSLY. REMAINDER OF ROMANIAN ALLOCATION WHICH WILL BE ON THE ORDER OF FY 1976 ALLOCATION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR IVS AND CPI. KISSINGER

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